GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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VISIT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of income generated from the visit of foreign tourists from places of tourism and culture during each of the last three years and the current year till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the income is as per the projected estimate;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the income from Taj Mahal annually; and

(f) the efforts being taken by the Government to increase the income from tourism sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) : The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 (January-July) are Rs.12150 crores, Rs.12951 crores, Rs.14238 crores and Rs.8539.33 crores respectively. State-wise foreign exchange earnings are not estimated.

(b), (c) and (d): Projections of foreign exchange earnings have not been made.

(e): The income from the Taj Mahal during the year 2000-2001 is Rs.8,47,63,941/-.

(f): Income through tourism sector can be increased by increasing the inflow of foreign tourists into the country. Various steps taken to attract more foreign tourists to India include development and improvement of tourist facilities, publicity and marketing efforts in the foreign countries through overseas tourist offices, strengthening institutions of human resource development, use of information technology and encouraging private investment in tourism sector including hotels.